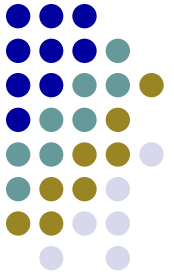


National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) Requirements

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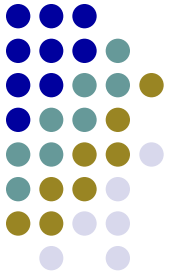
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The NECP



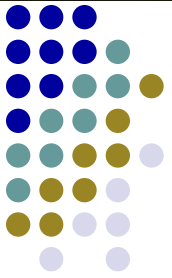
- ***NECP = strategic plan delivered to Congress by Federal Homeland Security in July 2008***
- ***Sets national goals and objectives to improve interoperability, operability and continuity of communications across all levels of government***
- ***Developed by DHS' Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) with stakeholders from all levels of government, all disciplines and the private sector***
- ***Found at www.safecomprogram.gov***

NECP Vision



Emergency response personnel can communicate—

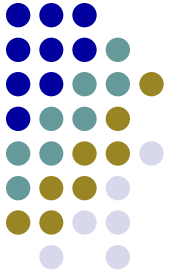
- ***As needed, on demand, and as authorized***
- ***At all levels of government***
- ***Across all disciplines***



NECP Definitions

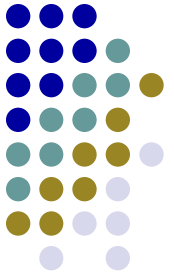
- ***Emergency Communications*** = the ability of emergency responders to exchange information via data, voice and video, as authorized to complete their missions.
- ***Response Level Emergency Communications*** = the capacity of individuals with primary operational leadership responsibility to manage resources and make timely decisions during an incident involving multiple agencies, without technical or procedural communication impediments.

NECP Goals

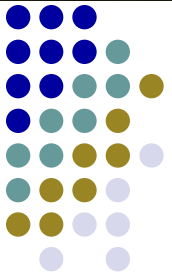


- **Goal 1 – By 2010 – UASIs**
- **Goal 2 – By 2011 - non-UASI jurisdictions**
- **Goal 3 – By 2013 – all jurisdictions**

NECP Goal 1



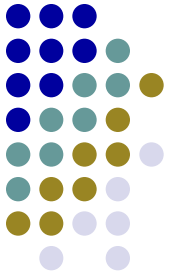
- By **2010**, 90 percent of all high-risk urban areas designated within the Urban Areas Security Initiative (**UASI**) are able to demonstrate response-level emergency communications within **one hour** for routine events involving multiple jurisdictions & agencies



NECP Goal 1 – Federal Evaluation

- In November 2009, Federal DHS announced it will evaluate an event in each of 60 UASI regions within the first 6 months of 2010.
- In December 2009, Tucson and Phoenix UASIs submitted a list of proposed events to OEC. OEC selected the following for evaluation:
 - Tucson - the Airspace/AZ Days air show March 20th-21st
 - Phoenix - Subway Fresh Fit 500 NASCAR event on April 10th
- AZDOHS and GITA are meeting with the UASIs to provide support in preparation for these evaluations.

NECP Goal 2

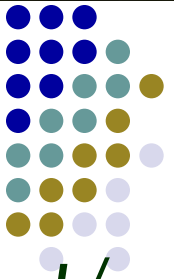


- By **2011**, 75 percent of **non-UASI** jurisdictions are able to demonstrate response-level emergency communications within **one hour** for routine events involving multiple jurisdictions and agencies



NECP Goal 2 – Evaluation; Preparation

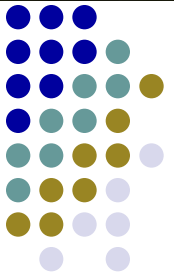
- Federal DHS has not yet identified how it will evaluate Goal 2.
- AZDOHS and GITA are informing County Emergency Managers regarding these requirements.
- How can counties prepare?
 1. Strengthen communication components of planned multi-jurisdictional/multi-agency **events**.
 - OR
 2. Plan multi-jurisdictional/multi-agency **exercises** with a strong communications component.



Planned Events – Questions to Consider

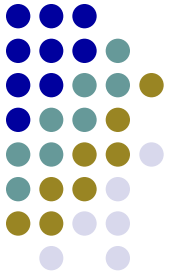
- *Does your jurisdiction have a multi-jurisdictional/multi-agency event planned in 2010/2011?*
- *Can the planning be enhanced for this event so it demonstrates timely response level emergency communications?*
- *Are additional funds needed to enhance the planning or communications components of a planned event?*

Exercises – Questions to Consider



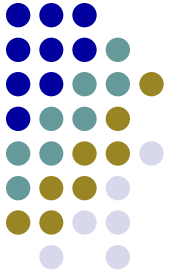
- *Does your jurisdiction have a multi-jurisdictional/ multi-agency exercise planned in 2010/2011?*
- *Can this exercise be enhanced so it demonstrates timely response level emergency communications?*
- *Are additional funds needed to facilitate or enhance communications components of a multi-jurisdictional/multi-agency exercise?* [Note: AZDOHS and GITA will prepare a template workbook for SHSGP funding for such an exercise for interested counties.]

NECP Goal 3



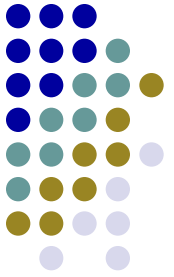
- By **2013**, 75 percent of all jurisdictions are able to demonstrate response-level emergency communications within **three hours** of a significant event as outlined in the national planning scenarios

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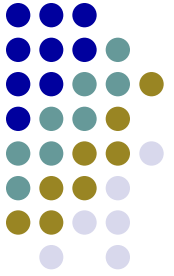
- Planning forthcoming

Will Federal Grant Funding be tied to meeting NECP goals?



- *YES, we anticipate that Federal DHS funding priorities will be linked to meeting NECP goals*

Information:



NECP at SAFECOM Website:

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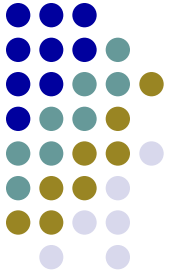
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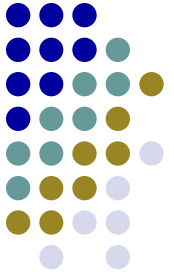
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